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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Note by the Secretary-General

Duration and venue of the session

1. The fifty-first session of the Commission on Human Rights will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 30 January to 10 March 1995. The first meeting will be convened at 11 a.m. on Monday, 30 January 1995.

Provisional agenda

2. The provisional agenda, prepared in accordance with rule 5 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, is reproduced below.

Inter-sessional and pre-sessional working groups

3. The fifty-first session of the Commission is preceded by meetings of seven working groups in connection with the following items:

(a) Item 3: An informal open-ended working group on the organization of the work of the Commission met from 12 to 23 September 1994 (Commission decision 1994/111);

(b) Item 10 (d): An open-ended working group established to elaborate a draft optional protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and to consider the implications of its adoption and the relationship between the draft optional protocol, regional instruments and the Committee against Torture (Commission resolution 1994/40, Economic and Social Council decision 1994/250) met from 17 to 28 October 1994;

(c) Item 12 (b): The Working Group on Situations, composed of five members of the Commission, is scheduled to meet from 23 to 27 January 1995 to examine situations referred to the Commission by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII) of 27 May 1970 (Commission resolution 1990/55, Council resolution 1990/41);

(d) Item 15: The group of three members of the Commission appointed under article IX of the International Convention on Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid is scheduled to meet from 23 to 27 January 1995, to consider reports submitted by States parties in accordance with article VII of that Convention (Commission resolution 1993/10);

(e) Item 23: An open-ended working group established to draft a declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms (Commission resolution 1994/96, Economic and Social Council resolution 1994/11) is scheduled to meet from 16 to 27 January 1995;

(f) Item 24: An open-ended inter-sessional working group to elaborate a draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on involvement of children in armed conflicts (Commission resolution 1994/91, Economic and Social Council resolution 1994/10) is scheduled to meet from 31 October to 11 November 1994;

(g) Item 24 (d): An open-ended inter-sessional working group responsible for elaborating guidelines for a possible optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, as well as the basic measures needed for their prevention and eradication (Commission resolution 1994/90, Economic and Social Council resolution 1994/9) is scheduled to meet from 14 to 25 November 1994.

4. Any decisions and resolutions affecting the provisional agenda of the fifty-first session of the Commission that may be adopted by the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session will be brought to the attention of the Commission in an addendum to the present document. The annotations to the items listed in the provisional agenda will also be issued in an addendum.

11. Further promotion and encouragement of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the question of the programme and methods of work of the Commission:

    (a) Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

    (b) National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights;

    (c) Coordinating role of the Centre for Human Rights within the United Nations bodies and machinery dealing with the promotion and protection of human rights;

    (d) Human rights, mass exoduses and displaced persons.

12. Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in any part of the world, with particular reference to colonial and other dependent countries and territories, including:

    (a) Question of human rights in Cyprus;

    (b) Study of situations which appear to reveal a consistent pattern of gross violations of human rights as provided in Commission resolution 8 (XXIII) and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1235 (XLII) and 1503 (XLVIII): report of the Working Group on Situations established by Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/41 of 25 May 1990.

13. Measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers.

14. Human rights and scientific and technological developments.

15. Implementation of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid.

16. Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.

17. Status of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

18. Effective functioning of bodies established pursuant to United Nations human rights instruments.

19. Report of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities on its forty-sixth session.

20. Rights of persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities.

21. Advisory services in the field of human rights.

22. Implementation of the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief.

23. Drafting of a declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms.

24. Rights of the child, including:

    (a) Status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child;

    (b) Report of the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children;

    (c) Programme of Action for the Elimination of the Exploitation of Child Labour;

    (d) Question of a draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography as well as the basic measures needed for their prevention and eradication.

25. Follow-up to the World Conference on Human Rights.

26. The role of youth in the promotion and protection of human rights, including the question of conscientious objection to military service.

27. Draft provisional agenda for the fifty-second session of the Commission.

28. Report to the Economic and Social Council on the fifty-first session of the Commission.